

Reading – Roots and Affixes

Grade Eight – This list indicates what may be covered on the vocabulary items of the state assessment.

Part	Definition
acid, acri	e.g., acidic, acrimonious
ad-	e.g., addict, advise
anthrop	e.g., anthropology, anthropomorphic
-ary	e.g., dictionary, dietary
aud	e.g., audible, auditory
bin-	e.g., binary, binomial
cata-	e.g., catacombs, catatonic
circ-, circum-	e.g., circumference, circumstance
helio	e.g., heliotherapy, heliotrope
hydro-, hydra-	e.g., hydrate, hydraulic
-ive	e.g., definitive, derivative
mal-	e.g., malady, malaria
mid-	e.g., midnight, midwife
-ness	e.g., kindness, lightness
ob-	e.g., obituary, obese
omni	e.g., omnipotent, omnipresent
pater-, part	e.g., paternal, patrimony
spect	e.g., spectacular, inspect
theo	e.g., theology, theocracy
under-	e.g., underachiever, undermine